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TEXT: 1.

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THE BACKGROUND OF THE 10 APRIL ARMY DECLARATION IN DEFENSE OF PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE THAT CLAIMED CRITICISM OF PINOCHET WAS THE SAME AS AN UNACCEPTABLE ATTACK ON THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION. THAT THE STATEMENT WAS A TACTIC PROBABLY INITIATED BY RETIRED GENERAL MANUEL ((CONTRERAS)) SEPULVEDA TO INSTILL FEAR AMONG ARMY RANKS THAT IF POLITICAL OPPOSITION FORCES COME TO POWER, THE ARMY WOULD SUFFER IRREPARABLE DAMAGE AND BE SUBJECTED TO A HUMAN RIGHTS WITCH-HUNT. AS A SUGGESTED COUNTER TO THE SCARE TACTIC,

THAT A GENERAL AMNESTY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DURING THE MILITARY REGIME. THE PROPOSAL IS THAT CARDINAL RAUL ((SILVA)) HENRIQUEZ MAKE A DECLARATION TO PRESENT THE IDEA OF CONDUCTING A PLEBISCITE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A GENERAL AMNESTY. COMMENT: IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PUBLIC PRESSURE TO HOLD THE PLEBISCITE ON THE AMNESTY ISSUE WOULD BE GREAT AND WOULD FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY. THE PRESUMED APPROVAL OF THE AMNESTY WOULD THEN ACT TO DEFUSE THE ALLEGED CONTRERAS' SCARE TACTIC.)

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6. IN [REDACTED] APRIL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENTED ON CURRENT OPPOSITION CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS/AMNESTY ISSUES FOR THE CHILEAN MILITARY. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO OPEN A CHANNEL FOR TALKS ON THESE SUBJECTS BETWEEN THE CONCERTATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES FOR DEMOCRACY (COPODE) AND THE ARMY, BUT THE ARMY HAS REJECTED HIS OVERTURES.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADVICE TO COPODE ON THE HANDLING OF THESE MATTERS:

A. THE PROSECUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FOUR MAJOR CASES WHICH WILL GARNER SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY AND SATISFY THE DEMANDS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. THESE CASES ARE THE "DEGOLLADOS," THE "BURNED ONES," THE MURDER OF UNION LEADER TUCAPEL ((JIMENEZ)), AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO ((LETELIER)).

B. ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE NAME OF PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHE)) UGARTE COULD BE LINKED TO SOME OF THE ABOVE, NOTABLY THE LETELIER CASE, ANY EFFORT TO PROSECUTE HIM FOR ANY ACTS MUST BE AVOIDED. THE OPPOSITON MUST GUARANTEE SECURITY FOR PINOCHE AND HIS FAMILY IN A POST ELECTION DEMOCRATIC CHILE.

C. AN AMNESTY THEN SHOULD BE DECLARED FOR ALL REMAINING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT IN COPODE LEFTIST SECTORS.

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[REDACTED] COPODE PROPOSAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES HAS BEEN FORWARDED

[REDACTED] THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES:

A. RATHER THAN HAVING THE NEW GOVERNMENT FOCUS POLITICALLY ON SPECIFIC CASES, ONGOING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, WHICH COVER THE MAJOR ISSUES, SHOULD BE CARRIED ON WITHIN A STRICTLY JUDICIAL FRAMEWORK UNTIL THEIR RESOLUTION. THOSE CASES NOT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED PRIOR TO THE 1990 INAUGURATION MAY BE REOPENED. NO ADDITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TRIALS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

B. AN AMNESTY WOULD THEN BE DECLARED ON ALL OTHER ISSUES NOT COVERED UNDER THE ONGOING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

C. PINOCHE WOULD BE GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE A SENATOR FOR LIFE, RETAIN THE HONORS DUE TO AN EX-PRESIDENT, LIVE IN A RESIDENCE SUITABLE FOR AN

EX-PRESIDENT, AND HAVE HIS PERSONAL SECURITY HANDLED BY THE ARMY.

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10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE IS NOT UNANIMITY AMONG THE VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN CHILE, BUT THE MORE RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES -- THE VICARIA DE SOLIDARIDAD AND THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- APPEAR TO BE LEANING MORE TOWARD THE SCHEMES OUTLINED BY BISHOP GONZALEZ AND COPODE, RATHER THAN TOWARD A BLANKET AMNESTY. WE WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF AYLWIN WERE TO PROPOSE THE AMNESTY IDEA NOW, IN ANY CASE, PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS A POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE ISSUE WHICH CAN BE POSTPONED AS A PUBLIC ISSUE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

[REDACTED] THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIGURES TO DISCUSS RELATIONS UNDER A NEW GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH COPODE AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIGURES CLAIM THEY HAVE TRIED TO INITIATE TALKS.)

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